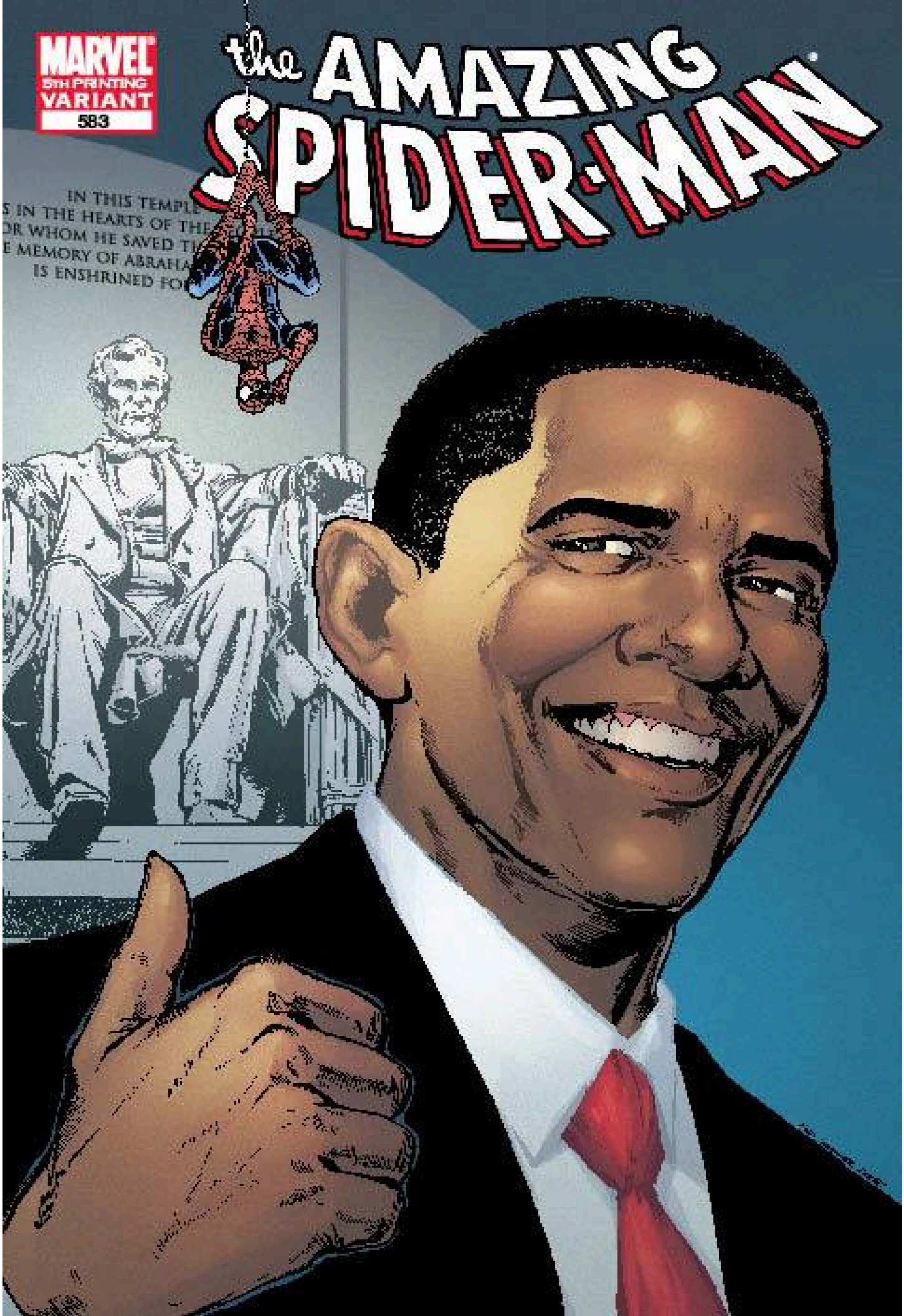
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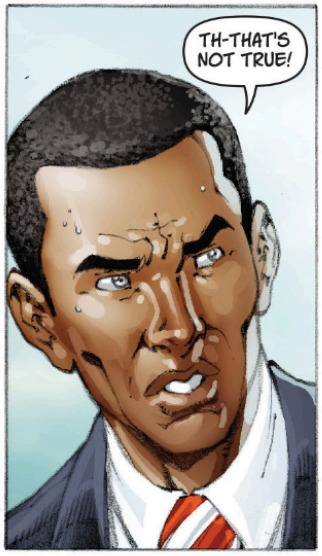
WASHINGTON, D.C.
U.S. CAPITOL.
JANUARY 20, 2009
I HAVE TO ADMIT IT WAS PRETTY COOL OF FRONT LINE TO SEND LITTLE OLD PETER PARKER OUT TO COVER THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION.
OF COURSE I HAD TO TAKE THE BUS, WHICH WAS IN NO WAY "COOL."
BUT IT WAS WORTH IT TO SEE HISTORY IN THE MAKING.
CRASH
UH-OH.
EVERYONE HOLD ON JUST A SECOND...

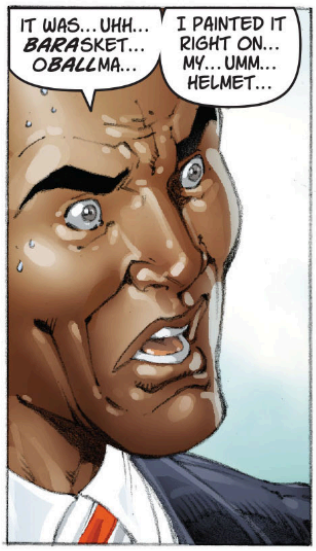
WE'VE GOT A SITUATION HERE!
WE'VE GOT TWO SITUATIONS HERE... TWO OF THE EXACT SAME SITUATIONS!
HE AIN'T KIDDING... AND WHETHER IT'S SHAPE-CHANGING SKRULLS, MY OLD PAL MYSTERIO, OR JUST AN OUT OF WORK ACTOR WITH BAD DRIVING SKILLS...
...ONE THING'S FOR SURE...
...THE FUTURE PRESIDENT'S GONNA NEED SPIDER-MAN.
HIYA, PREZ-ELECT! LOVED YA IN THE DEBATES!
THIS IS OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT BUSINESS! GET THE WALL-CRAWLER OUT OF HERE!
HEY, I'VE GOT A LITTLE EXPERIENCE WITH IMPOSTERS, BE THEY CLONES, ROBOTS, OR TOBEY MAGUIRE. I CAN HELP!
EVERYONE RELAX. LET'S HEAR HIM OUT.

LISTEN, THE EASIEST WAY TO DO THIS IS TO ASK THEM BOTH A QUESTION THAT ONLY THE REAL BARACK OBAMA WOULD KNOW THE ANSWER TO.
I GOT ONE!

WHAT WAS YOUR NICKNAME ON YOUR HIGH SCHOOL'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM?
THAT'S SILLY. I'M A POLITICIAN NOT A--
BARRY O'BOMBER.


TH-THAT'S NOT TRUE!

THEN WHAT WAS IT?


IT WAS... UHH... BARASKET... OBALLMA...
I PAINTED IT RIGHT ON... MY... UMM... HELMET...

HELMET? HAVE YOU EVER EVEN PLAYED BASKET-BALL?

MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE A THREE POINT SHOOT-OUT.
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.

NO... TH-THAT'S THE STUPIDEST IDEA I'VE EVER HEARD! WHERE ARE WE GOING TO FIND A BASKETBALL DIAMOND AROUND HERE!
COME ON, GUYS? SERIOUSLY?

ALL RIGHT, YA BOZO, THIS IS THE PART WHERE YA GET PUNCHED...
HOLD IT, THERE, SPIDER-MAN. I APPRECIATE YOUR HELP, BUT I'VE GOT THIS...
NO!

I WAS SO CLOSE! IF I'D MADE IT TO THE PODIUM I WOULD HAVE BEEN SWORN IN!
IT WOULDN'T HAVE MATTERED WHO I WAS! I WOULD HAVE BEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!
SPLORGH SQUISH
ME! THE CHAMELEON!
OKAY, I WAS WRONG, SPIDER-MAN. THIS IS DEFINITELY YOUR DEPARTMENT.
YA HEAR THAT, CHAMELEON? THE PRESIDENT-ELECT HERE JUST APPOINTED ME...
...SECRETARY OF SHUTTIN' YOU UP!

LATER...
WELL, THAT WAS UNPLEASANT. I HOPE THIS DOESN'T RUIN THE INAUGURATION FOR YOU.
HONESTLY, I'M MORE UPSET BY THE CHAMELEON'S SHOCKINGLY DEFICIENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.
WELL, I'D BETTER GET GOING THEN...

...THIS IS YOUR DAY, AFTER ALL, AND I KNOW IT WOULDN'T LOOK GOOD TO BE SEEN PALLING AROUND WITH ME...
...PLUS I THINK BIDEN'S STILL MAD I CONFUSED HIM FOR THE VULTURE ON THE TRAIN THAT ONE TIME.
HEY, NOT SO FAST.
WHAT IS IT?
I'VE BEEN A BIG FAN OF YOURS FOR A LONG TIME, AND BEFORE YOU GO I JUST WANT TO SAY...

THANKS...
...PARTNER.

THE NEXT THING I KNOW HE'S AT THE PODIUM GETTING SWORN IN LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.
AND I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT IF I HADN'T SHOWED UP, HE WOULD HAVE HANDLED THE CHAMELEON ALL BY HIMSELF.
...I, BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT I WILL FAITHFULLY EXECUTE THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES...

IT LOOKS LIKE WASHINGTON IS IN CAPABLE HANDS.
GUESS IT'S TIME TO HEAD BACK TO NEW YORK.
UH-OH. I THINK BIDEN SEES ME.
THE END